



Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children return to school and get stuck into their classroom-based learning. As we near the end of Spring term, please see some important notices below. Thank you for endeavouring to keep the school community safe, I have noticed the increased number of parents and carers wearing face masks and maintaining a social distance outside of the school.

Farewell to Miss Flynn

Our dear and very special Miss Flynn retires at the end of this term after 32 years of service, supporting and teaching many children. We will miss her sense of humour, her helpful nature and most of all her love for all the children and staff. I know you will join me in wishing Miss Flynn all the very best for the future. If you would like to give her a farewell gift or card, she will be in on Wednesday 31st March.

End of term Events

Tuesday 29th March is **Library Day**. Miss Sanderson (our English Leader) has organised a jammed-pack day full of exciting activities. We would love to see everyone dress up as his or her favourite book character (parents feel free to dress up too). Due to COVID restrictions, we will film the official library opening on Tuesday afternoon and send out the video link shortly after.

The **EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade** takes place on Wednesday 31st March at 9am.

The End of Term

The spring term ends on Wednesday 31st March at 2pm. There will be a staggered end to ensure bubbles do not overlap.

Year Group	Collection Time
EYFS (Nurs & Rec) & KS1 (Year 1 & 2)	1.15pm – 1.30pm
Lower KS2 (Year 3 & 4)	1.30pm – 1.45pm
Upper KS2 (Year 5 & 6)	1.45pm – 2.00pm

Attendance Expectation

We have had a great return to school with over 96 per cent school attendance in the first week. The national target for attendance, set by the government, is 95 per cent. Good attendance at school is essential; it leads to improved learning, opportunities and job prospects in later years. All children with attendance levels below 90% will be classified as Persistent Absence (PA) and the school will begin intensive support with the children (and families) to improve their school attendance.

New term dates for 2021 / 2022

Please find the 2021 / 2022 academic calendar attached. When planning your summer holidays, please note school returns on the 6th September 2021.

COVID-19 Testing

If you or someone in your household develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms, you must book a PCR test for the symptomatic person.

Please note that rapid lateral flow tests are only for people with **no symptoms** and we cannot accept a negative rapid lateral flow test result for a symptomatic pupil to return to school.



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Playdates

Please be reminded that we are still in a national lockdown and government guidelines state that households must not meet indoors recreationally.

Bags

After Easter, children can bring their own bags into school with them if necessary.

Uniform

I have noticed some children have not been coming to school in the correct school uniform, please be reminded of our expectations.

Our Uniform consists of:

- Royal blue Sweatshirt, fleece or jumper with or without the school logo. No other patterned tops or colours should be worn
- White or blue shirt, blouse or t-shirt/polo shirt
- For Year 6 ONLY – customised t-shirt designed using school colours
- Grey, navy blue or black trousers
- Grey, navy blue or black skirt
- Navy blue or grey dresses/pinafores

Summer uniform

- Grey, navy blue or black shorts
- White or Blue t-shirts/polo shirts
- Blue and white gingham dresses

Footwear

- Black shoes/trainers **without markings or any colours**
- High heels, flip-flops or backless sandals are **not** safe for school and must not be worn
- A separate pair of trainers can be worn PE, they can be any colour

The school logo uniform is available from My Clothing <https://myclothing.com/thornhill-primary-school/6561.school>. Alternatively, you can source good quality uniform from high street stores such as M&S, Primark, Sainsbury and ASDA.

And finally, introducing our Thornhill Mascot! 

Thank you for your continued cooperation and I wish you all a lovely Easter Holiday.

Kind regards,

Miss Lewis
Headteacher

